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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2543

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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S E C R E T SINGAPORE 1978

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MASS, VS, SN

SUBJ: STATUS OF SEVEN VNAF AIRCRAFT IN SINGAPORE

REF: SINGAPORE 1794

1. STRAITS TIMES MAY 12 CARRIED REUTERS, AP DESPATCH DATELINE HONG KONG MAY 11, STATING NORTH VIETNAM'S OFFICIAL PAPER NHAN DAN OF THAT DATE WARNED SINGAPORE AND THE PHILIPPINES TO RETURN THE SHIPS AND PLANES TAKEN TO THEIR COUNTRIES BY THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT NHAN DAN SAID:

QUOTE. PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW ON MAY 9 DECLARED THAT HE WOULD HAND TO THE UNITED STATES SEVEN AIRCRAFT BROUGHT TO SINGAPORE FROM SAIGON BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE PUPPET OFFICERS... THE SINGAPORE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD GIVE UP ITS DARK DESIGN AND RETURN TO THE PRG ALL THESE AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS. UNQUOTE

2. TO DATE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT TO REFTEL CONCERNING THESE AIRCRAFT AND NO REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH PRIME MINISTER LEE OR FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM ON THIS SUBJECT.

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3. IN VIEW DRV PUBLIC PRESSURE ON GOS, BELIEVE IT IS QUITE

POSSIBLE GOS MAY DECIDE TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH EMBASSY. THEREFORE,
REQUEST DEPARTMENT (A) VERIFY AND INFORM EMBASSY PRECISELY WHAT
LEE HAS SAID PUBLICLY ON THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON, (B)
REPORT SUBSTANCE OF ANY OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH LEE CONCERNING
THESE AIRCRAFT AND (C) PROVIDE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE AS TO COURSE
OF ACTION EMBASSY SHOULD NOW PURSUE. CRONK

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